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Project Summary	Research questions of interest to development practice in the realm of democracy, human rights, and governance.
Country	United States
Agency	Agency for International Development
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	3

Project Description

Contribute to evidence-based international development programming by working with USAID's Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG Center) in doing research, analysis, and communication. The DRG Center's Learning Division is seeking three VSFS e-interns to work on research and communication activities related to its learning agenda (https://usaidlearninglab.org/library/usaid-drg-2017-learning-agenda) and to broader issues related to the evidence base for DRG programming. The einterns will work closely with DRG Center staff on rigorously reviewing the literature and engagingly communicating research findings related to these questions. The learning agenda is a prominent initiative at the Agency and the work of past VSFS e-interns has been used in high-level briefings. Interns will also have the opportunity to explore particular research topics of interest to them in consultation with DRG Center or other USAID staff who work on that topic. Additionally, DRG Learning Division staff with experience in both academia and international development will provide high quality mentoring to the e-interns on research, writing for policy audiences, and professional development.

We are looking for candidates who are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the social sciences and have one or more of the following skills: quantitative data analysis and statistics (familiarity with STATA or SPSS and relevant data sources such as V-Dem is a bonus); multi-media science communications (video/audio, infographic design, data visualization); research experience on topics closely related to DRG or in countries where USAID works. Exceptional undergraduates and Master's level students who have these skills will also be considered.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

In your application, the more information you can give us about relevant experience and skills related to conducting and communicating research, the stronger your application will be. We will be looking to see if you directly address any of the requirements in our description. Thank you for considering us!

Language Requirements

None